

Instructions for Form 100X

Amended Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return

What's New

Round Cents to Dollars – Beginning with the 2007 tax forms, round cents to the nearest whole dollar. For example, round \$50.50 up to \$51 or round \$25.49 down to \$25. If you do not round, FTB will disregard the cents. This change helps process your returns quickly and accurately.

General Information

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and ending on or before December 31, 2009, corporations may elect to pay use tax due on the original timely filed Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return. However, the use tax due and the amount of use tax paid with the original timely filed return should not be included on the corporation's amended tax return.

California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 24410 was repealed and re-enacted to allow a dividends received deduction of 80% of qualified dividends received from an insurance subsidiary in which the corporation owns at least 80% of each class of stock. The deduction would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and would increase to 85% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, California has reinstated the Net Operating Loss (NOL) carryover deductions. For more information, get form FTB 3805Q, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Corporations.

A Purpose

Use Form 100X, Amended Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return, to amend a previously filed Form 100, California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return; Form 100W, California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's-Edge Filers; or Form 100S, California S Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return.

A claim for refund of an overpayment of tax should be made by filing a Form 100X.

If the corporation is filing an amended tax return in response to a billing notice the corporation received, the corporation will continue to receive billing notices until the amended tax return is accepted. In addition, the corporation must pay the assessed tax before the corporation can claim a refund for any part of the assessed tax.

Unless otherwise stated, the term "corporation" as used in Form 100X and in these instructions includes banks, financial corporations, S corporations, exempt homeowners' associations, political organizations, limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships classified as corporations.

B When to File

File Form 100X only after the original tax return has been filed. Corporations must file a claim

for refund within four years from the original due date of the tax return, the date the tax return was filed, or within one year from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. Tax returns filed before the due date are considered as filed on the original due date.

If the Internal Revenue Service examines and changes the federal corporate tax, the corporation must report those changes to the Franchise Tax Board within six months of the final federal determination by either of the following:

- Filing Form 100X.
- Sending a letter with copies of the federal changes to:

CORPORATION RAR
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0501

With either method, the corporation must include a copy of the final federal determination and all underlying data and schedules that explain or support the federal adjustments. Please note that most penalties assessed by the IRS also apply under California law. If penalties are included in a payment with the amended return, see the instructions for line 19, Penalties and Interest.

C Where to File

Tax Due

If tax is due, and the corporation is not required to use electronic funds transfer (EFT), make check or money order payable to the "Franchise Tax Board." Write the California corporation number, the appropriate taxable year, and "Form 100X" on the check or money order.

Mail Form 100X with the check or money order to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0501

Make all checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and drawn against a U.S. financial institution. If the corporation must pay its tax liability using EFT, all payments must be remitted by EFT to avoid penalties. See the instructions for line 28, Amount due.

Refund

Mail Form 100X to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0502

Return Without Payment or Paid by EFT

Mail Form 100X to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0500

Private Delivery Services

California law conforms to federal law regarding the use of certain designated private delivery services to meet the "timely mailing as timely filing/paying" rule for tax returns and payments. See federal Form 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return, for a list of designated delivery services. Private delivery services cannot deliver items to PO boxes. If

using one of these services to mail any item to the FTB, DO NOT use an FTB PO box.

Mail the amended tax return to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
SACRAMENTO CA 95827

Private Mail Box (PMB) Number

Include the Private Mail Box (PMB) in the address field. Write the acronym "PMB" first, then the box number. Example: 111 Main Street PMB 123.

Specific Line Instructions

Questions

B and C – The corporation must report to the FTB any changes made by the IRS to any item on the return or the taxpayer's account, including changes to gross income, deductions, penalty, credit or tax, whether or not the change results in additional tax for California for the same or any other tax year within six months of the date of the final federal determination.

If the IRS changes result in a refund for California, generally the corporation must file a claim for refund within two years of the IRS final determination date.

Be sure to include a complete copy of the final federal determination and all supporting computations and schedules, along with a schedule of the adjustments as applicable to the corporation's California tax liability. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1008, Federal Tax Adjustments and Your Notification Responsibilities to California.

D, E, and F – Check the appropriate box to indicate whether this Form 100X is being filed to amend a Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S.

G – Check the "Yes" box if this Form 100X is being filed as a protective claim for refund. A protective claim is a claim for refund filed before the expiration of the statute of limitations for which a determination of the claim depends on the resolution of some other disputed issues, such as pending state or federal litigation or audit.

H – Corporations are not allowed to elect or terminate a water's-edge election on an amended return. For information on how to elect or terminate a water's-edge election, get the Form 100W, Water's-Edge Booklet.

Column (a) – Enter the amounts as shown on the original or last previously amended tax return, or if the tax return was adjusted or examined, enter the amounts that were determined by the FTB as a result of the examination, whichever occurred later.

Column (b) – Enter the net increase or the net decrease for each line changed. List each change on Side 2, Part V, line 2 and provide an explanation and supporting schedules for each change.

Column (c) – Add any increase in column (b) to the amount in column (a) or subtract any decrease in column (b) from the amount in column (a) and enter the result in column (c). If there is no change, enter the amount from column (a) in column (c).

Part I Income and Deductions

Line 5 – Net income from Schedule R

If the corporate taxpayer apportions its business income to California and there is a net change in the amount of net business income (loss) after state adjustments apportioned to the corporate taxpayer, then the corporate taxpayer must recompute and attach Schedule R, Apportionment and Allocation of Income.

Part II Computation of Tax, Penalties, and Interest

For more information (such as applicable tax rates or instructions on how to determine net operating loss carryover, alternative minimum tax (AMT), excess net passive income tax, etc.) get Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S instructions for the taxable year being amended.

Line 7 - Net Operating Loss (NOL) carryover deduction

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, California has reinstated the NOL carryover deductions.

California suspended the deduction for NOL carryover for taxable years that began in 2002 and 2003.

Line 8 - Pierce's disease, EZ, LARZ, TTA, or LAMBRA NOL carryover deduction

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, California has reinstated the NOL carryover deductions.

California suspended the deduction for Pierce's disease, EZ, LARZ, TTA, or LAMBRA NOL carryover for taxable years that began in 2002 and 2003.

Line 14 – Alternative Minimum Tax

This applies to Form 100 or Form 100W filers only.

Enter in column (b) the net increase or net decrease in AMT between the original Schedule P (100), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Corporations, or Schedule P (100W), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Water's-Edge Filers. Be sure to attach the amended Schedule P (100) or Schedule P (100W) to Form 100X.

Line 17 – Other adjustments to tax

For interest adjustments under the "look-back" method of completed long-term contracts, enter the net increase or net decrease in column (b). Be sure to sign the amended form FTB 3834, Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Completed Long-Term Contracts, and attach it to Form 100X.

Also, enter in column (b) the net increase or net decrease of any credit recapture, LIFO recapture, or tax on installment sales. For more information, get Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S, Schedule J, Add-on Taxes and Recapture of Tax Credits, for taxable years 1991 through 2006 or get Form 100 or Form 100S instructions for taxable years 1988 through 1990.

Enter the increase or decrease to the \$600 prepayment minimum franchise tax for qualified new corporations per R&TC Section 23221, effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, and before January 1, 1999. Enter the increase or decrease to the \$300 prepayment for taxable

years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, and before January 1, 2000. For corporations incorporated on or after January 1, 2000, there is no prepayment.

Line 19 – Penalties and Interest

Line 19 (a) – In column (b) enter the net increase or net decrease of any penalties being reported on the amended return.

The corporation cannot reduce the estimated tax penalty previously assessed, even if the corporation reduces the tax due if this amended return is filed after the original filing due dates, including extensions.

Line 19 (b) – In column (b) enter the net increase or net decrease of interest being reported on the amended return.

Line 19 (c) – In column (c) enter the total of line 19 column (a) and column (b).

If the corporation does not compute the interest due, FTB will figure any interest due and bill the corporation. Interest accrues on the unpaid tax from the original due date of the return to the date paid. For the applicable interest rates, get FTB Pub. 1138, Business Entity Refund/Billing Information.

Part III Payments and Credits

Enter any payments or credits on the appropriate line.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and ending on or before December 31, 2009, if the corporation elected to report use tax on the original tax return, do not include the amount of use tax paid with the original return on these lines.

Part IV Amount Due or Refund

Line 24 – Enter the estimated tax payments you claimed on your return, including any payment made with form FTB 3539, Payment for Automatic Extension for Corps and Exempt Orgs, or form FTB 3586, Payment, Voucher for Corp e-filed Returns. Enter any 592-B, 593-B, or 594 withholding payments and attach a copy of the form(s).

If the corporation makes a tax deposit payment (form FTB 3577) for this taxable year and wants to apply all or part of the tax deposit payment, include the amount on this line.

Line 28 – Amount due

Make the check or money order payable to the "Franchise Tax Board" for the amount shown on line 28. Write the California corporation number, taxable year, and "Form 100X," on the check or money order. Enclose, but do not staple, the check or money order with the Form 100X.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Corporations that meet certain requirements must remit all of their payments through EFT rather than by paper check or money order to avoid a 10% non-compliance EFT penalty. FTB notifies the corporation once they meet the requirements. A corporation required to pay its taxes through EFT must make all payments by EFT, even if the tax due on the original tax return was paid by check or money order. Indicate which taxable year the payment should be applied to when paying by EFT.

For more information, go to our Website at www.ftb.ca.gov and search for EFT, call the FTB EFT Help Desk at (916) 845-4025, or get

FTB Pub. 3817, Electronic Funds Transfer Program Information Guide.

Line 29 – Refund

If the corporation is entitled to a refund larger than the amount claimed on the original tax return, line 29 will show the amount of refund. The FTB will figure any interest due and will include it in the refund. If the corporation is claiming a refund for interest previously paid, include the interest amount on line 19.

Part V Explanation of Changes

Line 1

If the original tax return was filed using a different corporation name, address, and/or California corporation number, enter the name, address, and California corporation number used on the original tax return on this line.

Line 2

Explain in detail any changes made to the amounts listed in Side 1, column (a). Include in your explanation the line number references for both the original and amended tax returns and any detailed computations. Include a copy of the federal Form 1120X, Amended U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return, and schedules if a change was made to the federal return. Include the corporation's name and California corporation number on all attachments.

Where to Get Tax Forms and Publications

By Internet – You can download, view, and print California tax forms and publications from our Website at www.ftb.ca.gov.

By phone – To order 2007 business entity tax forms, call (800) 338-0505 and follow the recorded instructions. Please allow two weeks to receive your order. If you live outside of California, please allow three weeks to receive your order.

By mail – Write to:

TAX FORMS REQUEST UNIT
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 307
RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-0307

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From within the
United States. (800) 852-5711

From outside the
United States. (916) 845-6500
(not toll-free)

Assistance for persons with disabilities

The FTB complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with hearing or speech impairments please call TTY/TDD (800) 822-6268.